

# The Season's Greetings



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## Spouses May Join Hospital Assn.

For the information of Rio Grande Hospital Assn. members, the following constitutional amendment was adopted at the regular meeting of the board of directors held on November 17.

"Spouses of retired and deceased members, who did not enroll within the ninety-day (90) period from their husband's retirement or within sixty days (60) prior to their sixty-fifth (65) birth date, or working spouses covered by another insurance payroll coverage, shall be entitled to join the Hospital Association upon application and payment of proper dues during the period from January 1, 1973 thru March 31, 1973."

The dues amount as stated on the application shall be subject to raises as approved by the board of directors of the Hospital Association.

Further information and applications can be obtained directly from the Rio Grande Employees Hospital Assn., Room 316, Denham Bldg., 1812 California St., Denver, Colo. 80202.

## Jan.-Feb. Issues To Be Combined

The January and February Issues of the Green Light will be combined into one issue due to the moving from the present location into the new Park Central Building.

The move will take place the first week of January and hopefully there will be a story of the move being made.

The February issue should come from the printers about February 16.

## On the Cover

Rolling through the hills of eastern Utah, one of Rio Grande's unit coal trains on a cold winter morning is destined for the hearths of Geneva's mill near Salt Lake City.



## Leavell Company Locates In Park Central Complex

Leavell Development Co., subsidiary of Rio Grande Industries, Inc., moved their corporate offices from El Paso, Texas to the Park Central Complex at Denver in November.

Leavell is the first major tenant to move into Park Central, the \$23 million complex joint venture of Central Bank and Trust Co., Rio Grande Industries and Leavell Development Co. The structure is scheduled for completion in January.



OFFICIALS OF LEAVELL DEVELOPMENT CO. moving into their new offices in Park Central shown are from left, M. V. Beckstrand, president, Arthur Tarler, Ralph Frizzell and John Hyland, vice presidents.

M. V. Beckstrand, president of Leavell Development Co. said, "Since 1970, the company has developed more than \$60 million worth of property. It has extensive real properties in Colorado, El Paso and Los Angeles with other developments planned for Western United States and Florida."

LDC was acquired by Rio Grande Industries in May 1970 when Texas Homes, Inc., Frizzell & Co., a major insurance agency, and Leavell Enterprises, Inc. were consolidated into Leavell Development Co.

In making the move to Denver, it consolidates Leavell's company's offices which were located at El Paso and in the First National Bank of Englewood, although Frizzell & Co. will maintain an office in the Englewood bank bldg., and Texas Homes will maintain offices in El Paso.



# RGI Offers Stock Purchase Plan To Employees

Rio Grande Industries is pleased to announce a Monthly Investment Plan is being made available to employees whereby they may purchase Rio Grande Industries common stock by payroll deduction.

The payroll deduction plan is offered to all full-time employees of the Company and wholly owned subsidiaries, providing such employee is 21 years of age or older and has completed six months' consecutive service. For those who wish to participate, minimum monthly deductions will be \$10.00. Larger deductions in multiples of \$5.00 will be allowed.

In making the announcement, G. B. Aydelott, president of RGI, said, "I realize financial circumstances among different families vary widely. For some, an additional program of savings through accumulation of stocks can be desirable. For others, it can be unwise. Accordingly, it is important that you realize that your decision to participate should come after consideration of your individual circumstances and that you should feel free not

to participate. For those who decide to participate now, you can always discontinue at any time in the future, or likewise decline participation now but decide to participate in the future."

This plan, which goes into effect January 1, 1973, was developed with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., the nation's largest stock brokerage firm.

A pamphlet setting forth all the details of this monthly investment plan will be available to each employee. This pamphlet will provide the necessary forms to be completed for those who wish to participate and to authorize payroll deductions. For further questions not covered in the pamphlet, each immediate supervisor should be contacted who in turn will get the necessary answers.

To support this Monthly Investment Plan, the company will pay brokerage commissions on the stock purchased through payroll deductions, and the costs of handling the payroll deductions.

## Have You Ever Wondered?

## How Long Do Railroad Retirees Live?

Every three years, the actuaries of the Railroad Retirement Board conduct studies of the longevity of annuitants on the Board's rolls. The most recent study, completed this year, extended the Board's experience through 1971. The study indicated that the favorable experience reflected in earlier studies has continued, with actually a slight improvement in the most recent three-year period covered.

The following questions and answers illustrate the results of this study.

1. *How long on the average do retired rail employees live?*

A male railroad worker retiring at age 65 may expect, on the average, to live for 13.5 years or 162 months.

2. *How does the group average life expectancy figure break down for the individuals in the group?*

From a group of 1,000 male employees retiring at age 65, 840 will live at least 5 years, 637 at least 10 years, 414 at least 15, and 215 will still be alive at age 85, 20 years after retiring. Therefore about 1 in every 5 annuitants retiring this year at age 65 will be alive and receiving his annuity 20 years from now, with the last survivor from an original group of 10,000 probably living to 103 years of age. These figures allow for the fact that not all employees retiring at age 65 enjoy normal health at that age. Of course, for the more seriously disabled employees, the life expectancy is much less than for the group as a whole.

3. *Do railroad men retiring at age 62 tend to live longer than those retiring at age 65?*

After age 65 the life expectancies for males who are not disabled is practically identical regardless of when they retired.

4. *Is it true that female employees tend to live longer than men?*

On the average, yes. At age 65, for example, a retired female railroad worker can expect to live 17.8 years or approximately 214 months, which is 4.3 years longer than a male the same age. Many reasons for this difference

have been advanced but there is no universal agreement on them.

5. *Is there a difference in the life expectancies of female employees and of wives and widows of rail employees?*

While the female employee retiring at age 65 has a life expectancy of 17.8 years, an employee's wife at age 65 has a life expectancy of 17.2 years, or 6 months less. An employee's widow at the same age has an expectancy of 16.7 years which is almost a year less but is still more than a year longer than a male retiree.

6. *How do the life expectancies of retired railroad people compare with those for the general population?*

The Board's study showed that a male railroad worker retiring at age 65 can be expected to live, on the average, for 13.5 years as compared to 12.8 years for male workers in the general population. A female rail employee retiring at age 65 has a life expectancy of 17.8 years compared to 16.3 years for her counterpart in the general population.

However, the data are not completely comparable. The railroad retirement data are based on age retirements only while the figures for the general population not only include non-retired workers but also include workers retired because of disability before age 65. Even if these differences in data were eliminated, it is probable that the life expectancies would still be larger for railroad workers as a whole than for the general population.

It is important to keep in mind that life expectancy figures are averages for large groups of people. Any particular individual's remaining lifetime may be longer or shorter than the life expectancy at his age in his group. However, the Railroad Retirement Board's experience indicated that the relatively small number of beneficiaries who do not live long after retirement are not typical. The experience does indicate that thousands of beneficiaries have received their annuities for 20 to 25 years or more.

*(Railroad Retirement Information)*

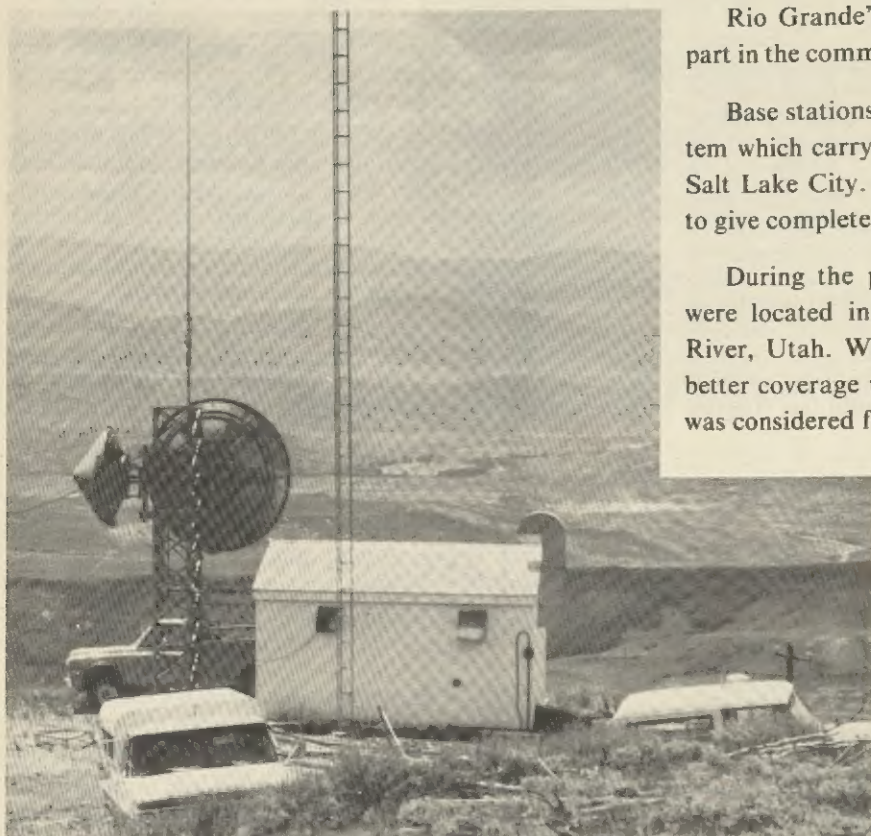


# New Terminals Aid in Micro Wave Communications

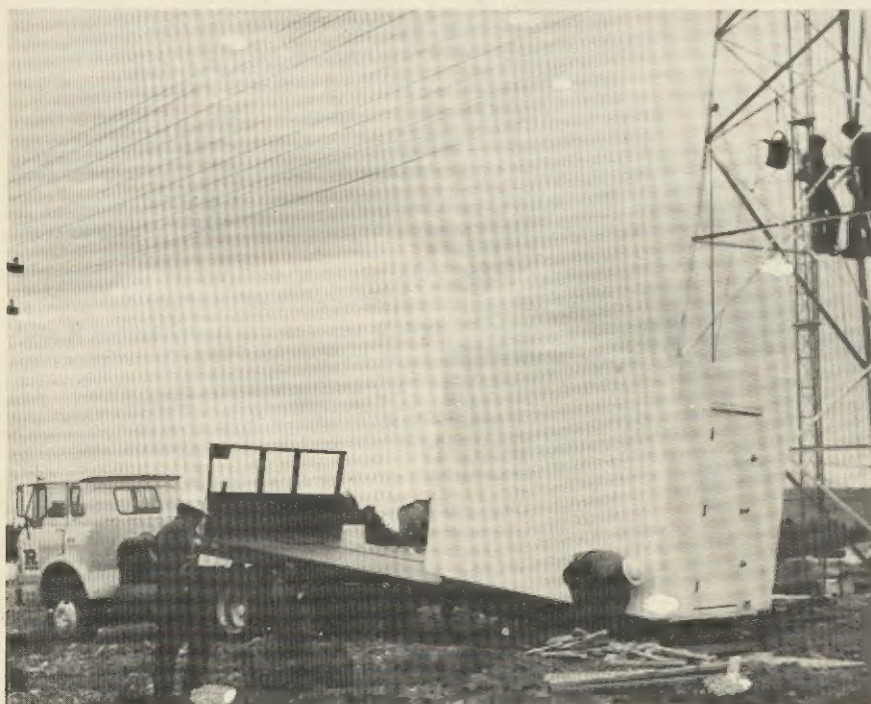
Rio Grande's micro-wave system plays an important part in the communication and operation of the railroad.

Base stations are located at strategic points on the system which carry the communication between Denver and Salt Lake City. Terminal stations are located in between to give complete coverage.

During the past summer two new terminal facilities were located in Kremmling in Colorado and at Green River, Utah. With the installation of the two terminals, better coverage was enhanced in an area which previously was considered fringe reception.



*A MICRO-WAVE BASE STATION located on Elk Mountain transmits messages to other base stations and to the new terminal station at Kremmling in the valley below.*



*THE NEW FACILITY at Kremmling was made in Denver and trucked to the site. The base, which was previously laid and ready when the building arrived, was complete with heating and air conditioning units.*

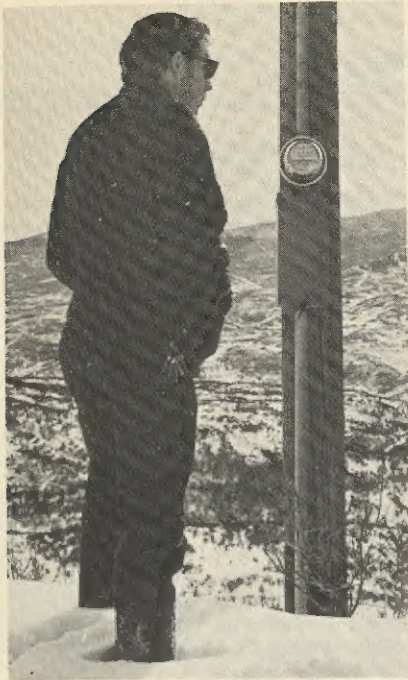
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*MICRO-WAVE TOWER under construction will have the customary "dishes" to handle the relayed messages from the Elk Mountain base station.*

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LARRY BUSBOOM reads the meter for the electric company which furnishes the "juice" for the micro-wave operation.



CHECKING THE VARIOUS BASE and terminal stations is a year-round operation. In the photo Larry Busboom and Chuck Howard, maintainers, travel by snow-cat during the winter months. Ray Cheedle took their photo at Currier.

## 1973 Safety Program Is Initiated

**GO -- (Rio Grande)**  
**ACCIDENT FREE**  
**IN '73**

Safety conscious Rio Grande Railroad will initiate it's 1973 Safety Program with the slogan "Go, Rio Grande, Accident Free in '73."

Rio Grande's safety program is designed to get all employees involved to better the improvements in safety during the period from 1970 through 1972. Each year has seen marked improvements over the previous year. It is expected the safety program will show an even greater improvement for the coming year.

Included in the program will be "Go Teams" on each division of the railroad to expedite the safety program. A contest will be held between divisions for the best safety record with trophies to the winners.

Safety meetings will be conducted at various locations throughout the system to inform and advise the latest safety methods that can be used in carrying out their assignments with an open-door policy to help solve any problems involved.

Rio Grande's Safety Car will be switched to a siding at several locations where films will be shown and special meetings will be held.

The program will stress the fact that safety is not a one man job. It takes each one, not only concerned with their own safety, but to take into consideration the safety of their fellow worker.

Points to be dwelled on also will include the individual's ability, responsibility, safe work habits and attitudes to make the safety program effective.

Safety equipment, such as good tools, safety shoes, hard hats and safety glasses to name a few, are available and a conscientious worker will avail himself of these items.

Each employee has a part to play with a positive belief that all injuries can be prevented.

## Office Managers Tour Rio Grande



Some of Rio Grande's office managers were brought into the home office for an educational tour of the railroad during November to better acquaint them with the company they represented.

Taking the tour included those shown, from left back row, Terry L. Campbell, Atlanta; Bob Wilson, Houston; Ray Zellar, Detroit; sitting, Rick Nelson, Salt Lake City; and Greg Seal, Ogden.



## Florence Peterson, Secretary, Retires

Florence A. Peterson, secretary in the President's Office, decided that an early retirement would be a delightful experience. On November 10, Florence bid everyone in the office farewell. Her retirement will officially begin on January 1, 1973.

Born in Denver, Florence attended grade school, North High School and Denver University. To further her schooling she attended Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, where she majored in music while taking a Fine Arts course. Following her schooling she held temporary positions with Carpenter Paper Co. and Great Western Sugar Co., joining the Rio Grande as a stenotypist in the General Auditor's Office at Denver in October, 1934.

During her tenure with the Rio Grande she held positions as secretary to general auditor, secretary to comptroller, secretary to director of public relations, and the position she held at retirement, secretary in the President's Office.

Immediate plans are to enjoy the Holiday Season after which travel to Sweden, Norway, England, the Caribbean and other exotic places. Hobbies include golf and music.

The wishes of all her acquaintances are for many years of happiness and an enjoyable retirement.



## Car Service

By Manfred Bauer

November 12 was for Charles and Pauline Tobiassen a banner day. It marked for them a heretofore unique experience, the advent of grandparenthood. Mindilee Michelle, the daughter of Charlene and Thomas Hall, was born at Rose Memorial Hospital.

The "trip of a lifetime" was made recently by retired clerk, Ira Frederick, and his wife, Lucille. Their journey by air to Europe and the Middle East had taken them to such places as historic Rome, Damascus, the Holy Land, Greece and the idyllically beautiful Aegean Isles off the Grecian Coast.

JoAnn Murphy and husband, Jerry, are anxiously awaiting the birth next April of an expected foal to their mare, Jubal.

As part of an experiment in the Fort Collins Animal Research Center at C. S. U., their mare, part quarter horse, was bred to the beautiful registered Arabian stallion, Zaghoul, formerly with the stables of the late, ex-King Farouk of Egypt.

JoAnn, an accomplished equestrienne, and her husband, Jerry, maintain a stable in North Denver.

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## From the White House Revenue Accounting

By Dick Eggleston

W. James Pitney applied for his annuity on November 15 after more than 47 years with the Rio Grande.

A native of Lake City, Colorado, he obtained his education in Nevada and moved to Denver in 1925 when he joined the Rio Grande as a messenger-clerk in the Auditor of Freight Receipts Office, now known as the Revenue Accounting Dept. He held almost every clerical position in that department and was appointed assistant chief - Rates on January 1, 1962, a position he held at retirement.



In addition to his work for the railroad, he was one of the mainstays in the Denver Rio Grande Credit Union, having served on the board of directors for the past 20 years. His services in this capacity will be missed.

Jim spent 12 years actively participating in Boy Scout work in South Denver area for the benefit of his three sons. They are now grown. Richard is an engineer with Kaiser Industries at Oakland, having recently returned from an assignment with them in Australia; Jerry is a research analyst with the United Bank of Denver; and Alan is a senior at Colorado State University majoring in business administration.

Plans for the future include a visit with his son's family at Oakland. He is an ardent fisherman and photography is a hobby he hopes to pursue.

Jim, in saying "goodbye," distributed his business card inscribed: W. James Pitney, Retired — No Phone — No Address — No Business — No Worries — No Money — No Prospects. Take note eligible gals. A P.S. could be added to the card — A Lot of Friends.

All wish him a very happy and lengthy retirement.

Winslow and Helen Bradford and the town of Lyons, Colo. were mutually jubilant with the final settling of their son, Dr. Karl P. Bradford, in his new dental office. Dr. Bradford graduated from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry at Kansas City in 1970. He spent two years in the U. S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood after graduating where he practiced dentistry. The Bradfords and the town of Lyons are both happy as he is the only dentist there.

Walter Brooks was in the office to help speed Jim Pitney on his way.

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One cannibal to another: "Sometimes I get so fed up with people."

## "Millie" Green Retires

Mildred L. Green planned a New Year's party a few weeks in advance by applying for her retirement on November 10 with an effective date of January 1, 1973.

"Millie," as she was affectionately known by her many friends, first saw the light of day at Pocatello, Idaho, where her father was a machinist for the Union Pacific. The family moved to Salida a short time later where her Dad joined the Rio Grande as a machinist, thus she became acquainted with this railroad while attending school in that city. Millie attended Denver University and was one of those who came out of school at the height of the depression in the 1930's.



When Railroad Retirement became a national institution in 1936, it was necessary for the Rio Grande, who had their own pension plan, to make refunds to each employee. Millie joined the Rio Grande as a clerk in the Treasury Dept. in 1937 to help distribute the money to the employees. Millie was furloughed in January, 1938, when the job was completed and for the next four years worked for the Denver School Administration, rejoining the Rio Grande as a file clerk in the General Manager's Office in December, 1942.

Millie subsequently held positions as stenoclerk, Operating Dept.; steno-clerk, Executive Vice President's Office; appointed chief, Pass Bureau, in June, 1962; and on Aug. 1, 1965, was appointed research assistant, Operations and Economic Research Dept., a position she held at retirement.

Millie takes care of her mother and hopes to become interested in various hobbies for future enjoyment.

Best wishes follow her from her many friends for a most fruitful retirement.

## From the Fifth

By Jeanne Gustafson

The atmosphere on the 5th Floor is charged with excitement and anticipation as employees are busily preparing for the "big move" to new headquarters.

Somehow our people are also finding time to get in their Christmas shopping as evidenced by their laden arms as they return from lunch break. Let's hope none of the "gifts" become packaged in with the files.

Another beaming grandfather was added to our list with the birth of Ross Matthew Evans, grandson to Bob "Tiger" Evans, on November 14. Ross is the second born to Mike and Sandy Evans. Mike is on the Denver Police force.

Clarence and Martha Froid spent a few days in Salt Lake City visiting friends and having a wonderful time.

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It's always nice to see former employees. Frank Miller and Ted Urban were recent visitors. The rest of you—out there in Retirement Land—come say hello once in awhile.

## System Freight Agency

By Charles Cutforth

Harry Vernon and wife, Priscilla, practiced retirement for three weeks. Harry says it will be difficult for 52 weeks a year, but Priscilla says she can keep him busy for at least 49.

Pat Kemble returned from a vacation reporting that her year-and-a-half old grandson, Mike, had successfully come through difficult spinal surgery.

Frieda Tonge and her daughter, Dena, spent a few days over Thanksgiving visiting relatives and friends at Salt Lake. The balance of her vacation was spent just "bumming around." Bill Benton just stayed in the house for a week catching up on "Captain Kangaroo" and "Sesame Street."

Season's Greetings to everyone from Dave, Harry, Bill, John #1, John #2, Stewart, Warren, Kenny, Ray, Pat, Ed, Dottie, Dolores, Mike and Charley. That's the crew.

Thought: The most important one at a birthday party is the one having the birthday. This year let's remember whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas.

## Traffic Dept.

By Robert Hulstrom



Congratulations to the Charles E. Spechts who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary during 1972. They were married on May 28, 1906. Charles retired from the Rio Grande on January 1, 1951 as city ticket agent at Denver and had over 54 years of service with the company at the time of his retirement.

Deepest sympathy to Ed Roth and family in the recent loss of his mother. Ed is district representative at Reno.

Pleased to welcome Gary Baker as market analyst in this department.

## Salida Comments

By Maribee\*

It took officers and their ladies some three hours to plan a Christmas party for Rio Grande's Salidans which was arranged so that the adults could be kids again, and the kids could be kids.

Three hours to arrange a party? Well, not exactly. There was a lot of reminiscing thrown in between. In fact, most of it was reminiscing. If Maxine Paquette, wife of Jack, retired conductor, didn't have a sharp pencil and ability to organize, the meeting would have been one of those three o'clock in the morning sessions.

Arranging the food was easy. It was just turned over to the Grange, and everyone knew it would be a good turkey dinner. Getting around to socks and popcorn balls for the tots was one of the major problems.

Ellen McGowen threw a wrench in the machinery by saying no Christmas stockings could be found in Salida to purchase for stuffing.

About this time, Ray Lytle went back to the days of his youth and how he always had problems with the big boys tossing him in the river. That conversation led to a few other descriptions of escapades when he was chased out of old men's yards. "Swede" Morrison added to the swimming bit by telling how you could never go to the old swimmin' hole and emerge without finding all your clothes tied in knots.

Maxine interrupted with notebook and pencil in an effort to determine who was going to make popcorn balls for stuffing. Everybody was going to make popcorn balls. All the adults with wide grins said, "That's fun."

If these ears heard right, believe the popcorn ball party was finally arranged for the Swede Morrison home with his sister to do some helping. The conductor bit was quite evident with Swede. He was already delegating duties before the popping was near.

Then it drifted back to stockings. How do you know what size popcorn balls to make when you don't have any stockings by which to judge the size? Well, if you can't buy them, you can make them. Pink and blue netting for Christmas stockings?

Maxine came to the front again. She would dig out her sewing machine which was buried in a "Fibber McGee" closet, and maybe some green netting or some kind of green would be available.

The subject drifted to candy. "Remember those old taffy pulls we used to have," asked Lyle Bratton. He added, "I always had to eat what I pulled. My hands were so dirty nobody would eat my taffy."

Then came the talk about hardtack. Is it still available? If you don't have children to buy candy for, you don't know that all loose candy must be individually wrapped nowadays. Filled candy—the yum-yums of the old days—were considered exorbitantly priced by the group. Anyway, somebody on that committee is going to shop for candy, but only Maxine knows who was assigned.

Who is going to be Santa Claus was the easiest to settle. Each man present made an offering of one dollar not to be St. Nick. This money will pay for employing an ex-railroader who has the costume, the patter, and should we say the shape to perform again this year.

Coming up a few times for discussion was how many kids might be coming to the party. This number has dwindled considerably from the old days. In 1971 only about 25 stockings were needed. Judging from Christmas party statistics, the Salida railroaders won't have to be included in the blame for the population explosion.

The knottiest problem was to decide how gifts would be exchanged among the adults. White elephants would be used for gifts, but how do you keep from getting your own white elephant? You put one number on the package and give one to the person. No, that won't do. Let's see—you put a number in a jar and give to one person.

What kind of numbers to give for the turkey drawings? Maxine was there with the answer and said the ladies would take care of the gifts and the numbers.

Swede Morrison, Ellen McGowen told about some harum-scarum snowmobile rides they took one moonlight night trying to follow a fellow who knew all about St. Elmo and those mountains, snow covered or not. Maybe he did, but Swede and Ellen had a wild ride in their machines trying to keep up with him. This is Swede's almost daily sport now that he is retired.

"Oh, yes," interrupts Maxine. "We want some singing, and it has to be Christmas songs. Leonard Clark likes to lead the singing. Hope he is well by that time."

Leonard has not worked since November 1 due to pains which indicate heart problems. Doctors kept him away from work to see if medication will alleviate the condition.

That is how the gala Salida Christmas party was planned. Believe the planners had as much fun planning as they did partying.

Come to think of it, what was Maxine supposed to do?

\*Mary B. Cassidy

## Roper

By Roper Jo\*

Melba Williams, wife of Wayne, engineer, suffered the loss of both her parents just before Thanksgiving. Her mother passed away at the first of the week and her father passed away the following Saturday. Sincere sympathy is extended to Melba and her family.

A turkey shoot held November 15 produced the following winners in the Rio Grande Bowling League: Helen Willette, Vesta Jenkins, Till Nuzman, Clair Hills, Charlene Jordan, Carmen Moser, Martha Waters and Lillian Ledingham.

Congratulations are in order for a mother and daughter team in the Rio Grande Ladies League. Mary Grandstaff, wife of retired depot employee Bill Grandstaff, and daughter, Carman Moser. The two earnest bowlers entered and won the Salt Lake City doubles bowling tournament. This is quite a feat. They should be just as proud as we ladies are proud of them.

Congratulations to Ron Hamblin and wife on the arrival of a new son. This makes three sons for the Hamblin family.

The Stoddards have the "early" and important part of their Christmas shopping done. They have a son serving an L. D. S. Mission in France, so it was necessary to mail his present early. Now, if they only had the gifts bought and wrapped for the four left at home.

Clerks at Roper are pleased with the report from Harry Baker, crew dispatcher, on the progress his son is making from an injury in a motorcycle accident the first part of October.

\*Josephine Smith

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*Some of the cool cats of our times are not waiting for their ship to come in.*

*Some of them don't even want to row out to meet it.*

*And a few of them just want to sink the ship to make sure nobody else will have the chance to get to it.*



## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

Best wishes are extended to recent retirees.



MARY AND TOM LYNCH are being presented with a retirement gift from fellow co-workers and friends by Bill Easley. (Cheedle Photos)

Agent Tom Lynch made his resignation official when he applied for his annuity. Many friends and co-workers gathered in the passenger depot on November 29 to enjoy coffee, cake and punch to wish Tom and Mary the best of everything for the future. Tom wished to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed toward his retirement gift.



Ted Barbour applied for his annuity on November 29 the same day he climbed down from the cab after bringing the Rio Grande Zephyr in from Salt Lake. Ted had over 49 years with the railroad.

Best wishes to D. T. Walters, conductor who also applied for his retirement on Nov. 29.

Army Spec. 4 Charles Lindquist, son of C. G. Lindquist, asst. roadmaster, has received a letter of commendation from his commanding officer for his superior direction of a group called "The Harlequins." Lindquist directed a play entitled "Star Spangled Girl" which won awards for the best actor and actress. Young Lindquist plans to spend the Christmas Holidays with his parents at Palisade.

Mrs. Jerry Erskine has been credited with being responsible for the continuation of the Girl Scout Council at Grand Junction many years ago. The Council had no funds to pay for a meeting room, so Mrs. Erskine offered the use of their basement until the Council was in better financial condition. Jerry is a ticket clerk here and am sure he deserves some of the credit.

Sorry to report that Carl Consalus has been hospitalized again. Hope he will soon

be back to work. Mrs. Ed Moran had foot surgery and is doing well. Charles Lopas and his wife were injured in an auto accident when another motorist ran a stop sign and totaled their VW.

Nice to see that Glen Green, retired engineer, is able to be out again. He has had some excellent care from his brother, Frank. Frank also had his picture in the paper showing him passing out treats to the neighborhood kids on Halloween night. It is doubted that anyone enjoys life more than Frank.

W. D. "Bill" Vaughan, switchman, and his wife joined a Hawaiian Tour in celebration of their Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary. They reported a most enjoyable trip. Switchman and Mrs. Ted Driggers vacationed via camper again. They are never in too much of a hurry to take in many side trips along the way. One such trip took them through Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho.

Since his retirement, Harry Pauly has had surgery, but is again able to be out. Hope he continues to feel better. Al Pauly also has been on the sick list and was hospitalized with some virus. Glad to see him back at work.

Sympathy to Bob Stebbins, clerk, on the loss of his mother. Matthew F. Mautz, retired carman and well-known as Mautzy, passed away as a result of a heart attack he suffered while remodeling a house. Condolences to the family.



A. L. GUERRIE, car department laborer, retired November 28. Presenting him with a gold life-time pass good on the Rio Grande Zephyr is George Headington, foreman, left. Guerrie also received the well wishes of his co-workers.

## Burnham Notes

### Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer

Janet and Gary Byrd are the proud parents of a baby girl, Gaylenn, who arrived on November 8.

The H. F. Owens are the new owners of a Monte Carlo Chevrolet.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Edgar Proctor. Edgar had 35 years service at Burnham at the time of his death. He held positions as store helper, electrician apprentice and electrician.

Some recent visitors were Pete Kelly, Ted Chitwood and Bill Donald with his granddaughter.

A birthday party was held by the Jose B. Segura family in honor of his 93 year old

grandfather, Juan C. Torres of Fountain, Colo.

The Jon Brockelmans and the Bill Sandys flew to Las Vegas for a week of entertainment at the Tropicana.

Herman Kickbush, the friendly boilermaker, is recovering from a broken wrist he suffered while getting out of his car in the snowpacked parking lot.

Cigar smoking friend, Rad Middleton, spent some time in the hospital recovering from a bout of sickness. Best wishes for an early recovery to George Rivera, M. K. Campbell, H. E. Rasmussen, J. R. Shepard and Leon Lucas.

Best wishes for a long retirement to Malcom Burks, carman, after 45 years service in the shops. Before joining the Rio Grande he was a coach cleaner on the Rock Island. He served his apprenticeship as a carman in 1927 on the Grande.

Pleased to see Gerhardt Zschoche back on the inspector's job after being off duty for six months.

Best wishes for a long and happy retirement to Wesley N. Todd who had over 35 years of service with the Rio Grande. Wes first worked for the Grande as a laborer and transferred to the car department as a carman. He saw service at both Burnham and Helper, retiring at Burnham on October 31. Advice from his fellow employes was for him to watch his politics and to keep them in the fold.

## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

There were 45 in attendance at the potluck dinner during November which was enhanced with the arrival of several from Salt Lake City. After the dinner, a card game was enjoyed with the winners receiving prizes.

The Vic Griffiths and the P. M. Combs motored to Los Angeles and Old Mexico. While south of the border they spent a few days at Acapulco, Mexico City and other interesting places. Perhaps Vic will be able to speak a few words in Spanish and give us a few lessons in how to do the Tango.

The Jackmans, Millers, Yates, Thorpe Bringhurst and a few others from here have been out bird hunting.

Walt Chappell enjoyed his vacation digging sugar beets and other farm chores.

Mrs. Arvil Reid and daughter flew to Las Vegas for a few days. Arvil stayed home and took care of the dog. Arvil and his wife have been married 30 years. To celebrate, he took her out to dinner. Rumor has it that this makes the 30th time.

The C. H. Browns celebrated the arrival of their 14th grandchild. Allen Boyd and wife had an increase in their family with the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

The Fred Hoffmans entertained his mother and other relatives for Thanksgiving dinner. The father of Mrs. George Ungricht observed his 80th birthday which was celebrated by an open house at the Ungricht home.

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Every employe has the right answer to every problem until he becomes part of management.

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## Colorado Division

By Anne Darling

An enjoyable luncheon was held at the Division office to honor John N. Barnes who will take his retirement on January 1 after a well earned vacation.

John, a native Coloradoan, was born at Buttes, Colo. and attended school at Parkdale. He joined the Rio Grande as a section laborer at Parkdale in June, 1924. He held positions as carman helper, freight oiler, coach cleaner, extra gang foreman, section foreman, track inspector and assistant roadmaster, a position he held at retirement.



In the course of his duties he worked in many places, many of which are no longer listed timetable. Among them were Parkdale, Pueblo, Eden, Swissvale, Florence, Texas Creek, Portland, Cotopaxi, Echo, Larkspur, La Veta, Hobson, Chandler, Grand Junction, Salida, Canon City, Kremmling, Winter Park and Denver.

Many of his friends were on hand to wish him a long and happy retirement. He was presented with a gift of cash from his fellow employees and Mrs. Barnes was presented with a lovely corsage.

Sympathy is extended to E. E. Stephens on the sudden death of his grandson at San Jose, Calif.

Bob and Margaret Davis spent the Thanksgiving week at Kansas City visiting relatives. They also visited their son, Richard, who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Retired asst. engineer, Curly and Alice Ruckman, have moved to Grand Junction where they will make their home.

The Chuck Naysmiths are parents of a baby girl, Michelle Lynea. Dennis Davises are planning to move into their new home while on vacation.

## Ogden

By W. O. "Toots" Furniss

We at the West End enjoyed Thanksgiving and the chance to spend some time at home with our families and loved ones. Some, I guess, wish they hadn't "ate the whole thing."

R. E. Jensen has chosen another "hitch" in the Coast Guard. Richard, relief operator, is taking a special training course.

Bob Scott has been filling in for C. M. Combs, combination foreman, who is vacationing in Old Mexico. Bob and his wife made a shake-down cruise in their new Pontiac to see the friendly people in Nevada.

T. D. Christensen, clerk, is making commuting a little easier between Salt Lake and Ogden in a new Plymouth. Safe and happy motoring, fellows.

E. G. Lowham, switchman, and wife, Ruth, journeyed to Arizona to attend the wedding

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of their daughter, Cathy, to Tom Fields of Oklahoma.

Lamar Hansen, clerk, is catching up on his rest on his days off, now. He has been enjoying his new boat and motor this fall on the local reservoirs for the wily trout.

E. Hardy, carman, has still plenty of good fishing and hunting stories from his summer escapades.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Christmas Party on December 19 at the Ramada Inn at 7 p.m. Contact your Vet's officers.

All at Ogden wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Bob Golden, signal maintainer, enjoyed a week at home as did Earl Wells, carman.

George Allen, carman, visited family and friends in Kentucky and Indiana during the month he was on vacation.

One of the popular vacation junkets is taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Mrs. Allen had planned for months to take this trip and the never-to-be-forgotten day arrived on October 23. There were fifteen from Colorado Springs area in the tour group. They flew on eight different airlines and stayed in seven different hotels. They experienced many strange things, saw many types of people, and will always remember the sights, sounds and the food. A boat ride in the moonlight on the River Nile; visiting the tombs of the Pharaohs of the 19th and 20th Dynasties; the tombs and pyramids; experiencing a ride on a camel; walking the hallowed ground where Jesus once walked; the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane; see them washing clothes along the river banks; the small market stalls along the narrow streets; gathering rocks, shells and bottles of water along the way; wading in the Jordan river and the Mediterranean sea are some of the things that will always be remembered. The eleven days ended all too soon as there was much to see. She reported it was a most interesting and eye-opening journey.

## Utah Division

By Jerry Pearson

With the heat of the November elections over, it appears the local State Government will be well represented by Rio Grande employees. Rex Black, engineer, has been elected to District No. 2 in the State Senate; George Black, conductor, as representative of District No. 11 in the House; and George Gygi, switchman, as representative of District No. 30 in the House. Am sure these men will all do an outstanding job while serving their terms in public office.

Congratulations to C. R. "Chad" Chesnut on his appointment as assistant engineer, Utah Division. Chad was engineer RR-Hiway construction.

A hearty welcome to Dennis Barton as Rodman in the Engineering Dept. Hope he has a long and successful career with the Rio Grande.

We have been advised of the passing of Amos L. Fullmer, retired B&B carpenter and foreman. Sincere condolences from his many friends to his family.



REPRESENTATIVES from Denver attending the luncheon to honor the retirement of W. J. Huntsman were, from left, C. J. Burroughs, engineer of structures; G. W. Brenton, general supervisor of B&B forces; R. D. Combs, engineer of cost control, shown with W. J. Huntsman.

W. J. Huntsman, supervisor of structures, applied for his annuity. Some 35 people from across the system gathered at the Division Office on November 20 to attend a luncheon held in his honor.

"J" started his career with the Rio Grande back in April, 1936 as a carpenter helper. He was promoted to carpenter in 1937, B&B foreman in 1940, pile driver engineer at Grand Junction in 1945, B&B foreman at Grand Junction in 1956 and appointed supervisor of structures for the Utah Division on March 1, 1961, the position he held at retirement.

All wish him many happy and fruitful years of retirement.

Also retiring during the month of November was Ernest Thomas, carpenter B&B Gang 6333 at Salt Lake. Ernie began his railroad career in September, 1924 and has held positions as B&B painter, B&B carpenter, paint foreman, B&B leadman and first class steel bridgeman.

Hope Ernie will enjoy his well deserved retirement.

## Salt Lake Vets

By F. C. Krauth

The Salt Lake Vet's Club held their annual Thanksgiving Day party on Nov. 17. Thanks to the ladies who prepared the meal and those who did the kitchen duties. Leonard Jensen was in charge and did a remarkable job in carving the turkey.

The 95 members who attended the pleasant affair also enjoyed playing Bingo following the dinner.

An election of officers was held at this meeting with 50 in attendance and all officers were re-elected with one exception of one new board member being elected, C. E. Pennran. All are looking forward to a great and wonderful coming year.

C. L. Crawford, president, will hold the first meeting shortly after the first of the year. Plans are to combine the meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary to work out plans and the program for 1973.

Season's Greetings are extended from this club to all employees on the Rio Grande System for a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

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## Denver Freight Office

By Helen Pelta

On November 30th, a gathering of fellow employes and friends at High Noon honored Bill Ladd, yard checker, after 37 years with the Rio Grande.



*BILL LADD is receiving retirement gifts being presented by Earl Thorne, agent, from his fellow co-workers.*

Bill was born in Wan, Okla., and, in his early twenties, he got a job on a pipeline leading into Colorado. As the story was related to your reporter, after the pipeline was covered up, he was unable to find his way back home.

Jewell, his lovely wife of 35 years, joined her husband in the retirement festivities of cake and ice cream. A gold-plated clipboard, with an envelope of green, was the contribution of his well wishers and presented to him by Earl Thorne, agent.

Bill's hobbies are fishing and hunting; however, he believes he will give fishing the priority. He and Jewell are planning a two-month tour of the United States, especially the New England and Southern states.

## Salt Lake Auxiliary

By Pauline Erntsen

The Ladies Auxiliary met on November 10 at the Chuck-O-Rama for an election luncheon. C. L. Jack was in charge.

The following were elected: Phylis Cowley, president; Blanche Short, vice president; Lorene Krauth, secretary. Board members are Elva Jensen, Beth Cowley, Minnie Giovacchini, Ida Crawford and Elva Davis. There were 30 in attendance.

Mrs. Jack reported that Mrs. Jesse Needham, a past president, was in a rest home in Arizona.

Those present voted to meet once a month.

The new officers of the Auxiliary met on November 15 for a luncheon to plan the Christmas party.

The party was held on December 4 at the Chuck-O-Rama where members exchanged gifts. There was a good turnout, and everyone had a very good time.

## Moving?

When moving please include your old address as well as your new address. Allow at least one month for change to be made.

## Helper Vets

By Domenic Juliano

The Helper Vet's Club held their annual Rio Grande day with a gala banquet held at the Helper Civic Auditorium. Mike Kanderis, trainmaster, was the guest speaker. He was quite surprised when he walked in and saw 135 people waiting to greet him. During his speech he reminisced about the "good old days," at the same time mentioning the names of the retired railroaders present.

Entertainment was arranged by Ruby Willis and consisted of a vocal group the daughters of John Louis Giordano. Martin McPhee and Ruby Willis presented an enjoyable skit and the program concluded with Ruby leading the group in singing.

Wish to thank all the ladies of the Auxiliary who did such a marvelous job in making this affair a success. All arrangements for the banquet, including the cooking, decorating and serving, were done by the ladies. How about a repeat next year?

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Helper Civic Auditorium on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m.

The New Year's Dance will be held on December 31 at the Helper Civic Auditorium. Reservations are required for this affair, so make them early so you won't be disappointed. Further information on the dance will be posted on all bulletin boards.

## West Slope Vets

By Kenneth Graham

The Grand Junction Vet's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held on November 19 at Lincoln Park Auditorium. Turkey, dressing and all the goodies was furnished by the Vet's Club and cooked to perfection by the members of the Ladies Auxiliary. The members brought covered dishes as well as dessert. A grand time was had by the 275 attending.

Following the dinner an election of officers was held. John Schoening was elected president, Carrol Bloom, vice president, Kenneth Graham, secretary-treasurer, and Ray Meyers, social secretary. Elected to the Board of Governors were, Francis Cook, Bob Rose, Louis Petrafeso, Anelle Arcieri, Walker Johnston, Joe Martinez, Mark Graham, Fred Carson, Clarence Cooper and Art Hadden.



*SHOWN IN THE PHOTO ABOVE from left are, Arthur Hadden, retired from the governing board, H. R. Rose, governing board, Francis Cook, past president, Joe Martinez, governing board, Kenneth Graham, secretary-treasurer, Carrol Bloom, vice president, Ray Myers, social secretary, and not shown was John Schoening, president.*

## Denver Vets

By Foyle Troxel

A good crowd attended the November meeting and enjoyed another delicious potluck dinner. Ham was furnished by the Vets Club. After the meeting, Norris Mendenhall showed movies of a trip to Alaska, traveling by jeep, boat, plane and even a narrow gauge train. He had some wonderful pictures.

Happy to have Verna Snyder with us after having major surgery several weeks ago. The Auxiliary welcomes Evelyn DeVore as a new member.

Sorry to report the death of Julia Hobbs, a long-time member of the Auxiliary. Sincere sympathy is extended to her husband, Barney, and family.

Lucy Guy spent Thanksgiving with her sister at Julesburg. Larry and Ellen Crittenden spent Thanksgiving week with their son, Barkley, and family at Albuquerque. Walter and Jean Welty flew to Mexico City for a 12-day sight-seeing trip with their son and daughter-in-law. Charles and Foyle Troxel spent Thanksgiving with her brother and wife at Gentry, Ark. John and Vera Pounden plan to spend Christmas with their son and family at Palo Alto, Calif.

The election of officers for the Vet's No. 3 and the Auxiliary will be held at the December 21st meeting. There will be entertainment, refreshments and a gift exchange.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



*LADIES ELECTED in the Auxiliary were, from left, Jeannie Graham, vice president, Lillian Schoening, president, Shirley Petrafeso, secretary, and Myrtle Forstrom, treasurer, not shown.*

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 20, 7 p.m. at the Grand Junction High School Auditorium. All Rio Grande employes should mark this date on their calendar. A short program will precede Jolly St. Nick's arrival. There will be candy and gifts for those with winning tickets.



# The Grande People

By Ann Eckberg

## Retirements

(Years of Service and Date Shown)

Anton J. Ballas, Denver, Asst. Material Mgr., 44, Sept. 1.  
 Irving F. Denton, Steamboat Springs, Section Laborer, 25, Aug. 11.  
 Murl C. Francis, Grand Junction, Carman, 49, Aug. 1.  
 Cecil F. Frost, Pueblo, Clerk, 36, Dec. 15, 1971.  
 Charles Genova, Pueblo, Machinist, 46, Oct. 1.  
 Arthur S. Hadden, Grand Junction, Carman, 46, Sept. 1.  
 Betty K. Hancock, Denver, Secretary, 21, Sept. 16.  
 Charley W. King, Grand Junction, Locomotive Engineer, 45, Oct. 1.  
 Joseph F. Lucero, Alamosa, Machinist, 17, Sept. 4.  
 George T. Markussen, Pueblo, Switchman, 49, Sept. 1.  
 Marion R. McElvain, Grand Junction, Carman, 30, Sept. 25.  
 William F. Phillips, Pueblo, Carman, 45, Oct. 1.  
 William G. Romager, Grand Junction, Carman, 38, May 1.  
 Lloyd E. Selby, Denver, Clerk, 37, Sept. 30.  
 Douglas M. Setzler, Kremmling, Agent, 38, Oct. 5.  
 Victorino Vigil, Palisade, Section Laborer, 31, July 15.  
 Everett W. Wilimek, Denver, Clerk, 29, Sept. 1.  
 Charley W. Williams, Denver, Waiter, 10, Sept. 1.

## Losses

(Age and Date of Death Shown)

Charles Bartholomew, Jr., Pueblo, Yardmaster, 61, Nov. 6.  
 Charles L. Chappell, Provo, Carman, 85, Oct. 26.  
 Melvin M. Edmund, Salt Lake City, Chief Claim Clerk, 74, Sept. 7.  
 Christ G. Kusulas, Denver, Section Foreman, 85, Nov. 6.  
 Matthew F. Mautz, Grand Junction, Carman, 74, Nov. 11.  
 Ronald L. Nash, Salt Lake City, Telegrapher, 74, Oct. 12.  
 Edgar D. Proctor, Denver, Electrician, 62, Nov. 28.  
 Ralph Saccomano, Pueblo, Section Laborer, 90, Oct. 12.  
 Amos T. Spicer, Denver, Lead Carpenter, 65, Oct. 22.  
 Monico Tabarez, Salt Lake City, Section Laborer, 73, Oct. 9.

## The Book Corner

The MacMillan Co.  
 806 Third Ave.  
 New York, N. Y. 10022

Two publications by this company would make fine Christmas gifts for the train buff who is hard to please.

*History of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad*, authored by Maury Klein, gives a very historical account of the early days of the L&N from its birth in the mid-nineteenth century up to its present position as a strong railroad in mid-continent.

The L&N weathered the Civil War and the takeover by the government in World War I. They had their battles over conversion to standard gauge, rate wars, development of passenger cars and locomotives as well as the part they played in politics over the past century.

This is all told in the hard-cover, 572-page book. The 70 photos and numerous charts make for easy and delightful reading. Copies may be obtained for \$10.95 at hobby and book stores.

The second publication, *Railways and War Before 1918*, by Denis Bishop and Keith Davies, is bound to be a collector's

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item for those who are interested in the part the railroads played during this time period.

The 156 photos, most of which are in full color, occupy the first half of the book, while the latter part of the book has descriptive notes. Each photo is numbered to correspond with the note in the back of the book for a complete description. Although most of the photos are of European equipment, this is due to the fact that most of the wars were fought on the continent.

The book is compact, approximately 5 x 8 inches, has a hard-bound cover and may be obtained for \$4.95 at hobby and book stores. Both books may also be obtained from the publisher.

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## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

G. P. Baker, Market Analyst, Traffic Dept. .... Denver  
 L. L. Barenberg, District Representative. .... Denver  
 T. L. Borsch, Office Manager, Traffic Dept. .... Cincinnati  
 T. L. Campbell, District Representative. .... New York City  
 G. S. Delano, Office Manager, N.E. District. New York City  
 A. R. Fjeldsted, Staff Assistant, Traffic Dept. .... Denver  
 W. L. French, Agent. .... Grand Junction  
 D. H. Knuth, Office Manager, Traffic Dept. .... St. Louis  
 Eric Paul, Attorney. .... Denver

## Retirement Banquets

Retirement banquets will be held for Rio Grande employees who retired during 1972 at the following locations:

**Pueblo** ..... Tuesday, January 23  
 Location to be announced—6:30 p.m.  
**Salida** ..... Wednesday, January 24  
 Elks Club—6:30 p.m.  
**Alamosa** ..... Thursday, January 25  
 Location to be announced—6:30 p.m.  
**Salt Lake City** ..... Saturday, January 27  
 Prudential Plaza—6:30 p.m.  
**Denver** ..... Monday, January 29  
 Ramada South—6:30 p.m.  
**Grand Junction** ..... Saturday, February 3  
 Cafe Caravan—6:30 p.m.



## Season's Greetings

### NARBW News

By Mary Stevens

The Denver Chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women will hold its regular December Dinner Meeting in the Penthouse of the Lutheran Apartments, 330 Acoma St., on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Mary Stevens is chairman and will be assisted by Evelyn Hart, Frieda Tonge and Rosemary Wiemeyer.

An interesting program is in store based on the trip Don Smith and his wife took on the paddle wheel steamboat Delta Queen.

Please make your reservations early. Guests are welcome.

### Suggestions

Suggestions received for review and discussion:

15676	19045	21369
15688	19623	31126
16265	20594	31158
18059	20636	31199
18436	20702	31324

The following suggestions were received and for various reasons not adopted:

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The following suggestions were adopted. Identification stub should be mailed to the Personnel Office:

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# Keeping In Tune

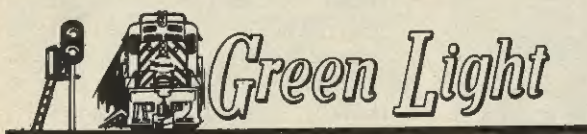
It takes a lot of people and a lot of instruments to make a big band. What is more important, each instrument must be in tune with the other.

"Working on the Railroad" is not only a tune to be played, but in the same vein of thought, each Rio Grande employee is in tune with the other. This is the reason the Rio Grande is able to give first class service in transportation.



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